

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An air bag system comprising:
 - an inflator,
 - a folded air bag ~~that is inflatable~~ ~~inflated~~ to be deployed into a passenger compartment of a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator at a ~~the~~ time of collision, and prior to being folded the air bag has a polygonal shape with a plurality of apex portions,
 - a retainer supporting the air bag and the inflator, and
 - a plurality of restricting members, each restricting member being member connected to a respective one of said apex portions, the restricting members coupling the a plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag and the retainer together, and the restricting members overlap with each other and are fixed to the retainer, wherein
 - the inflation of the air bag to the maximum capacity thereof is restricted by the restricting members ~~member~~ in an earlier stage of deployment, and
 - in a later stage of deployment, when an internal pressure of the air bag increases to a predetermined value or higher, the restricting members break ~~member breaks or~~ ~~extends~~ so as to allow the air bag to be inflated to the maximum capacity thereof.
2. (Original) The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein
 - the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag are respectively folded towards a central portion of the air bag.

3. (Original) The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein
the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag are respectively pushed
inwardly towards a central portion of the air bag.
4. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each restricting
member includes a hole adjacent an end thereof, and the holes in the restricting members
are coaxial with one another when the air bag is folded.
5. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein a periphery of the
airbag extends between adjacent ones of the apex portions, and the periphery between
adjacent apex portions is a generally straight line.
6. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each apex portion is
folded towards a central portion of the air bag at a position closer to each apex portion
than a midpoint between the apex portions.
7. (New) An air bag system comprising:
an inflator,
a folded air bag that is inflatable to be deployed into a passenger compartment of
a vehicle by a gas produced by the inflator at a time of collision, and prior to being folded
the air bag has a polygonal shape with a plurality of apex portions,
a retainer supporting the air bag and the inflator, and
a plurality of restricting members, each restricting member being connected to a
respective one of said apex portions, the restricting members coupling the plurality of
apex portions of the polygonal air bag and the retainer together, and the restricting
members overlap with each other and are fixed to the retainer, wherein
the inflation of the air bag to the maximum capacity thereof is restricted by the
restricting members in an earlier stage of deployment, and in a later stage of deployment,
when an internal pressure of the air bag increases to a predetermined value or higher, the

restricting members extend so as to allow the air bag to be inflated to the maximum capacity thereof.

8. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag are respectively folded towards a central portion of the air bag.
9. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the plurality of apex portions of the polygonal air bag are respectively pushed inwardly towards a central portion of the air bag.
10. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 7, wherein each restricting member includes a hole adjacent an end thereof, and the holes in the restricting members are coaxial with one another when the air bag is folded.
11. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 7, wherein a periphery of the airbag extends between adjacent ones of the apex portions, and the periphery between adjacent apex portions is a generally straight line.
12. (New) The air bag system as set forth in claim 7, wherein each apex portion is folded towards a central portion of the air bag at a position closer to each apex portion than a midpoint between the apex portions.